

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-16 are pending. No claims have been amended, added, or canceled.

Claims 1-16 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,725,390 to Liu et al. ("Liu"). A terminal disclaimer is submitted with the current response to overcome the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

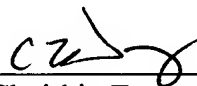
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the remarks, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the pending claims be allowed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), Applicants hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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